

Primrose Comprehensive Planning Steering Committee Meeting, May 11, 2009

Dein called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Attending: Dein, Elkins, Garfoot, Gibson, Haack, Hayward, J. Judd

1. Motion made by Haack, seconded by Hayward to approve the minutes of April 27th. Motion carried 7-0. The revised minutes of March 23rd are also available, but were not on the agenda, so we postponed their approval until the next meeting.

2. Public Comment section—

(a) The revised minutes of March 23rd were not on the Website. Gibson said that the draft was sent to the Clerk at the same time they were sent to the committee members, which was approximately a week ago.

(b) There was a problem with the Website this morning; it was down. Dein said that he would check it, but that there was not much we could do about that except to change the host. Using this host, it is supposed to be up 99% of the time.

(c) Some comments sent in the completed surveys are not on the Website. Dein said that Standing had not completed that work, but was supposed to soon.

(d) There are inaccuracies on the Website that need to be changed. It says residents can use the Town computer, which was changed. It says that one can utilize the electronic discussion until June 2009, but presumably that has changed to a later date, and a change was made to the Public Participation change that has not been noted.

(e) It was said that the Committee is not going to answer the same questions multiple times, but maybe the person asking the question was not there when the question was asked. Dein said that we would either answer the question or refer the questioner to past minutes in which the question was asked.

Public Comments closed:

3. Dein said that we needed to begin going through the drafts of elements that had already been presented to the public by Standing, and begin making changes that incorporate public comments and survey results.

(i) We began revising the Issues and Opportunities section. We had already reviewed and discussed the incorporation of public comments in the February 16th meeting. Dein suggested we now address the results of the Survey.

The goals in the Issues and Opportunities draft were amended to read as follows:

Overall Goals

i. Encourage land uses that are consistent with and contribute to the Town's agricultural, scenic, and rural character.

ii. Promote the long-term preservation of farmland, woodlands, wetlands, hillsides, air quality, rural character, steep slopes, floodplains, wild life habitat, streams, open space, historic resources, scenic views, hills and bluffs within the Town.

iii. Preserve the Town's unique and sensitive natural resources to ensure a high-quality environment for the benefit of future generations.

The reasoning for those changes were that over 90% of the people surveyed regarded the preservation of farmland, woodlands, wetlands, hillsides, air quality as important and

from 70% to 89% regarded rural character, steep slopes, floodplains, wild life habitat, streams, open space, historic resources, scenic views, hills and bluffs as important.

Dein said that this covered the things that people in the Township wanted to preserve, but the Plan should also be forward looking and we should look at the things that the Township might want to improve or expand. 67% were interested in expanding parks, 60% hiking trails, 60% library outreach, 50-60% a community farmers market and bike paths, and there was some interest in public WIFI.

We agreed to add the following language:

The Town should support and facilitate the intelligent development of additional community utilities, facilities, and activities that benefit the Town so long as they are consistent with the Town's other goals

(ii) We then began looking at the Transportation Draft:

In response to both the survey results and public comment, we decided to make the following revisions:

We decided to include as a goal the following:

Identify transportation for elderly and disabled people.

In response to public comments about both the safety and accessibility of the roads to different types of users, we decided to include as an Objective language from the Town of Freedom's Plan which reads as follows:

When reconstructing roads the Town will consider multiple users and incorporate provisions to enhance the safety of these users. Multiple users may include bikers, farmers and snowmobiles. Such provisions may include, but is not limited to adding bike lanes, signage or increasing width to accommodate farming equipment.

We also decided to add language regarding road maintenance:

The Town shall create an inventory of historical road maintenance and a ten year plan for road maintenance including as assessment of increased usage by farm related equipment.

It was thought that adding those two additional elements would mean that we should delete from the Policy and Program part of the Transportation draft all of 1. 2i was revised as follows:

2.i : Encourage safety by installing signs to alert drivers to stops and slower speeds.

2 ii was revised as follows:

2.ii: Work with WISDOT and County Highways to improve safety to accommodate wider farm equipment, and heavy automobile traffic, pedestrian and bike traffic.

2. iii was revised as follows:

2.iii to include at the end, 'and ask the Sheriff for written reports of specific kinds of accidents in the Town.'

3.i was revised as follows:

3.i. Work with Dane County Public Works and the State Highway and Transportation Department to expand and improve shoulders on State and County roads.

3.ii was revised as follows:

3.ii Work with biking organizations to identify biking routes and where possible to expand notification to Town residents.

3.iii was deleted.

4. Consideration of revision of draft elements already presented by Standing. It was agreed, that we would divide up into groups of two, each group would be charged with suggesting revisions of that element. They would present those revisions on the Town Square within a week of a meeting scheduled for June 8th. Haack and Elkins would take Mineral Extraction, Hayward and Gibson Historic Resources, D.Judd and Dien Utilities, and J.Judd and Garfoot Natural Resources. The Commission can then discuss and revise those suggestions during the June 8th meeting. Economic Development was put off until a later time.

5. Future Agenda

There will be a meeting in which Standing presents drafts of further elements scheduled for May 27.

6. Motion to adjourn made by Gibson, seconded by J. Judd. Motion carried 7-0

Minutes respectfully submitted by Martha Gibson